## Supplementary Information

## THREE-DIMENSIONAL PROTEOME-WIDE SCALE SCREENING FOR THE 5-ALPHA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR FINASTERIDE: IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL OFF-TARGET

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**Supplementary Table 1**. Amino acid residues included in the RBS of finasteride and the corresponding PBS amino acid residues in *Homo sapiens* PNMT (PDB code: 4MIK; UniProtKB AC: P11086), as identified by SPILLO-PBSS.

Amino acid composition  of the finasteride RBS		Amino acid composition  of the finasteride PBS  in <i>Homo sapiens</i> PNMT
1 <sup>st</sup>	LYS 1	LYS B 57
2 <sup>nd</sup>	GLU 2	ASP B 267
3 <sup>rd</sup>	ASP 3	ASP B 101
4 <sup>th</sup>	TYR 4	TYR B 27
5 <sup>th</sup>	TRP 5	PHE B 182
6 <sup>th</sup>	MET 6	VAL B 187
7 <sup>th</sup>	VAL 7	TYR B 35
8 <sup>th</sup>	ILE 8	VAL B 269
9 <sup>th</sup>	LEU 9	ASN B 39
10 <sup>th</sup>	VAL 10	PRO B 82

11 <sup>th</sup>	VAL 11	LEU B 103	
12 <sup>th</sup>	LEU 12	LEU B 229	
13 <sup>th</sup>	ILE 13	ALA B 186	
14 <sup>th</sup>	LEU 14	MET B 258	
15 <sup>th</sup>	ALA 15	PHE B 30	
16 <sup>th</sup>	PRO 16	PRO B 42	
17 <sup>th</sup>	MET 17	ASN B 38	
18 <sup>th</sup>	VAL 18	VAL B 266	

**Supplementary Table 2:** Steric clashes between amino acids of hPNMT (PDB code: 4MIK) and finasteride are reported, along with the corresponding number of overlapping atoms, as found in the original SPILLO-PBSS output. In this analysis, a steric clash is generated when the distance between any two nuclei (one belonging to hPNMT and the other to finasteride) is smaller than 2.0 Angs.

hPNMT amino acids overlapping	Number of atoms overlapping		
with finasteride	with finasteride		
TYR B 35	8 atoms		
ASN B 39	8 atoms		
TYR B 40	7 atoms		
ARG B 44	10 atoms		
PHE B 182	4 atoms		
TYR B 222	2 atoms		

**Supplementary Table 3.** Most relevant H-bonds and water-mediated bridges<sup>a</sup> between finasteride (Fin) and hPNMT identified by the analysis of the last 20 ns of MD trajectory of P0

H-bond	Occ%
Lys57(NH <sub>3</sub> )•••Fin( <i>N-t</i> Bu-C=O)	94.3
Fin( <i>N-t</i> Bu-NH)•••Tyr35(OH)	67.1
Fin(C <sup>3</sup> =O)•••H-O-H•••Tyr27(C=O)	74.0
Fin(C³=O)•••H-O-H•••Asn106(NH <sub>2</sub> )	74.0

a. H-Bonds with occupancy higher than 30% are reported. Bridged H-bonds are mediated by a single water molecule bridging ligand and receptor.

**Supplementary Table 4**. Most relevant H-bonds and water-mediated bridges<sup>a</sup> between finasteride (Fin) and hPNMT identified by the analysis of the last 20 ns of MD trajectory of P1, P2 and P3.

Pose	H-bond	Occ%
P1	$D101(CO_2) \bullet \bullet \bullet Fin(N^4H)$	98.3
	$Fin(C^3=O) \bullet \bullet \bullet H-O-H \bullet \bullet \bullet D101(CO_2)$	87.2
	Fin( <i>N-t</i> Bu-C=O)•••H-O-H•••Y85(OH)	76.8
	Fin(C <sup>3</sup> =O)•••H-O-H••••F102(NH)	40.2
P2	Fin(C³=O)•••V159(NH)	96.6
	Fin(C <sup>3</sup> =O)•••H-O-H•••D158(CO <sub>2</sub> )	90.0
	P32(C=O) • • • H-O-H • • • Fin( <i>N-t</i> Bu-C=O)	80.9
	F182(C=O) • • • H-O-H • • • Fin( <i>N-t</i> Bu-NH)	72.5
Р3	Fin( <i>N-t</i> Bu-C=O) • • • • Y27(OH)	99.7

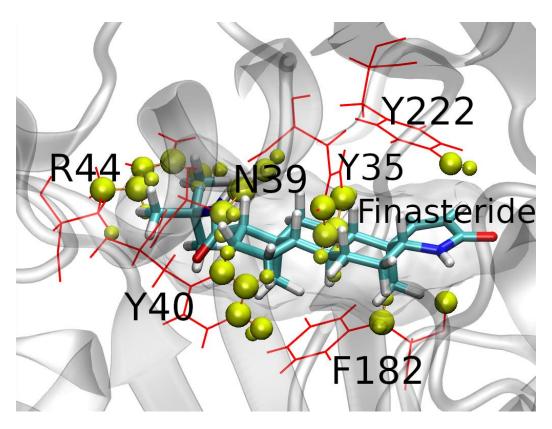
Y35(OH)•••Fin(N⁴H)	87.5
Fin( <i>N-t</i> Bu-C=O)•••Y40(OH)	42.8
Fin(N <sup>4</sup> H)•••H-O-H•••D101(CO <sub>2</sub> )	31.5
Fin(N <sup>4</sup> H)•••H-O-H•••F102(NH)	31.5

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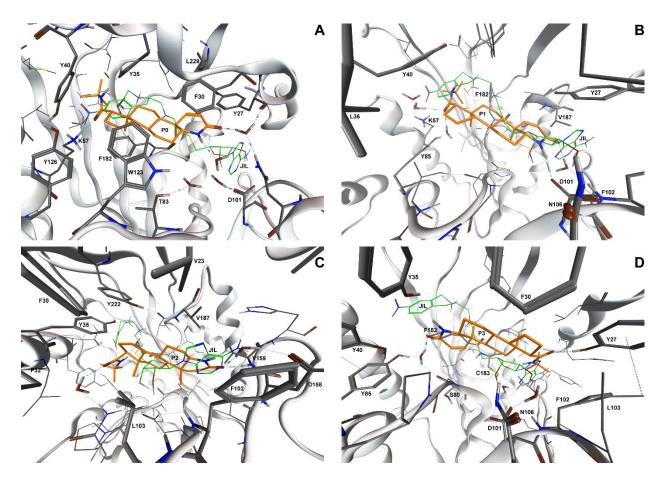
**Supplementary Table 5.** A multilevel cross-organism transferability analysis (MCOTA) on five possible model organisms identified *Rattus norvegicus* as the most suitable one to test *in vivo* the interaction between finasteride and PNMT.

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	BASIC CHECK	COMPARISON  Protein sequence		LOCAL 3D-STRUCTURAL COMPARISON	PROTEOME- SCALE RANKING POSITION EVALUATION
Model organism	Presence/absence of the PNMT gene/protein			Analysis of the potential binding site (PBS) of the 'model organism PNMT'	Ranking position of the 'model organism PNMT'
	Search result	Identity (%)	Similarity (%)	SPILLO-PBSS score (%)	SPILLO-PBSS ranking position
Caenorhabditis elegans	ABSENT	/	/	/	/
Danio rerio	ABSENT	/	/	/	/
Drosophila melanogaster	ABSENT	/	/	/	/
Mus musculus	PRESENT UniProtKB: P40935	80.7	86.1	83.493 (vs. 83.498 obtained for Homo sapiens PNMT)	7 <sup>th</sup> out of 17927 (vs. 6 <sup>th</sup> obtained for <i>Homo sapiens</i> PNMT) TARGET ZONE

Rattus	PRESENT	82.5	89.5	83.501	5 <sup>th</sup> out of 17927
norvegicus	UniProtKB: P10937			(vs. 83.498	(vs. 6 <sup>th</sup>
				obtained for	obtained for
				Homo sapiens	Homo sapiens
				PNMT)	PNMT)
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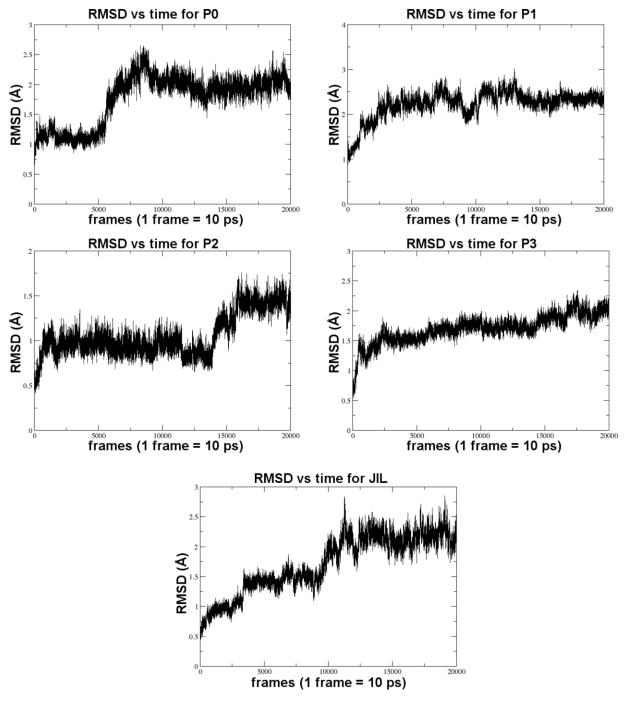


**Supplementary Figure 1**. Steric clashes between *Homo sapiens* PNMT (PDB code: 4MIK) and finasteride, as found in the original SPILLO-PBSS output. Amino acids listed in Supplementary Table S2 are reported in red, and the corresponding atoms giving rise to steric clashes are reported in yellow. A threshold distance of 2.0 Angs was here used as the distance below which the nuclei of any two atoms (belonging one to PNMT and the other to finasteride) give rise to a steric clash.



Supplementary Figure 2. Representative geometry obtained by cluster analysis of the final 20 ns of the MD trajectory of PO (panel A), P1 (panel B), P2 (panel C) and P3 (panel D) poses.

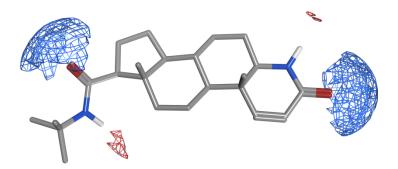
Human PNMT is represented by grey ribbons. Finasteride is depicted by tube representation with carbon atoms colored in orange. The reference crystallographic ligand JIL is depicted as green sticks.



Supplementary Figure 3. RMSD vs time profile for the 200 ns MD trajectory of PO-P3 and JIL.

The backbone atoms of the binding site region (residues up to 5.0  $\mbox{\normalfont\AA}$  from any of the

ligandatoms) were considered for the analysis.



**Supplementary Figure 4.** Representation of the electrostatic map generated for finasteride using the default options within the MOE software. Blue and red grids represent negative and positive charge, respectively.